GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COST ANALYSIS OF JPM ACT, 1987
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987 have proved very costly to the domestic consumers and the National Economy;

(b) if so, whether the Government have prepared any cost analysis of the act in force since 1987;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received an estimate in May, 2000 that the cost has been more than one lakh crore rupees;

(e) whether the same has been verified on actual estimates mode; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V.DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : No cost analysis of the impact of JPM Act since 1987 has been prepared by Government. However, a study, sponsored by the Government has been conducted by IIT, Kharagpur on `Comparative Study of Jute and Polypropylene in respect of their relative costs and advantages`. The study report, inter alia, mentions that the jute sacks give more economy to the users over its lifetime.

(d) : No such estimate has been received. However, the Government has received a representation from All India Flat Tape Manufacturers` Association, wherein such figures have been mentioned.

(e) & (f) : The figures have not been verified.